

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business Fifteen "One Minutes" per side	1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Members are advised that Congressman-Elect Barber will be sworn in during the first series of votes today.

H.Res. 688 – **Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2578 - Conservation and Economic Growth Act (One Hour of debate)** The Rules Committee has recommended a structured Rule that provides for 90 minutes of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The Rule allows 7 amendments debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. It allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. It also waives all points of order against the legislation.

Once again, the Rules committee rejected a motion by Mr. Hastings of Florida to consider H.R. 2578 under an open Rule.

H.R. 2578 - **Conservation and Economic Growth Act (Rep. Denham – Natural Resources) (90 minutes of debate)** H.R. 2578 compiles the text of 14 bills reported by the Natural Resources Committee. The measure modifies numerous federal lands and water laws in an effort to boost border protection and address local economic concerns. Among its provisions, the measure waives environmental and public lands laws to facilitate Homeland Security Department operations within 100 miles of the Canadian and Mexican borders and on tribal lands, including the construction of roads and facilities. The bill authorizes the hunting of sealions in the Pacific Northwest to protect endangered fish populations and permits greater use of federal funds by states to acquire and establish public target shooting ranges. The measure doubles the duration of grazing permits on federal lands and allows the use of off-road vehicles in the Cape Hatteras Seashore Recreation Areas; and provides for the expansion of hydropower projects and for the conveyance of federal lands to local authorities for economic development.

The bill also modifies National Park boundaries, designates a new national monument, extends a Forest Service forest management pilot program, and provides for development of a comprehensive management plan to restore the Chesapeake Bay.

Despite Republican’s claims, the bill is not a comprehensive jobs plan and will do nothing to put Americans back to work or grow our economy. This package is an extreme overreach and if enacted would do lasting significant harm to public lands and natural resources across the country. **Members are urged to VOTE NO.**

The Rule makes in order 7 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendments are:

Rep. Hastings (WA) Manager’s Amendment Would make technical and clarifying changes, reduces the size of the land conveyance in Title IV, conforms the text of Title VI to the House-passed version of the bill from the 111th Congress, and reduces the authorization of Title VIII to conform with Leadership protocols

DeFazio (OR) Amendment Would ensure that if the SEAlaska Native Corporation is allowed to clear-cut new areas of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska, it is subject to the same limitation on the export of unprocessed timber that applies to other national forests in the lower 48

Markey (MA) Amendment Would authorize a pilot project to test a small increase in federal grazing fees

Bishop (UT) Amendment Would clarify the intent of the legislation and narrow the list of laws which may be waived for border security activities. It also would add provisions protecting private property and tribal sovereignty

Grijalva (AZ) Amendment Would strike Title XIV which creates a 100-mile operation control zone for the Department of Homeland Security along the northern and Southern borders of the United States

Hanabusa (HI) Amendment Would exclude the state of Hawaii from the provisions of the bill that exempts the Department of Homeland Security from dozens of conservation laws within 100 miles of the nation's borders

Cravaack (MN) Amendment Would direct the Forest Service to allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) access to forest roads when not in use by loggers in the Superior and Chippewa national forests

Bill Text for H.R. 2578:

[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.R. 2578:

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

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Motion to Instruct Conferees on [H.R. 4348](#) – Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2012, Part II (Rep. Walz)

Postponed Suspension Vote (1 Vote):

1) [H.R. 2938](#) – Gila Bend Indian Reservation Lands Replacement Clarification Act (Rep. Franks – Natural Resources)

TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, June 20: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to begin consideration of [H.R. 4480](#) – Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012 (Rep. Gardner – Energy and Commerce/Natural Resources) (Subject to a Rule). The House is also expected to consider the House Amendment to [S. 3187](#) - Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act (Sen. Harkin) – under suspension of the Rules.

The Daily Quote

"Entering a crucial stretch for the student loan debate and transportation reauthorization conference committee, House negotiators will continue churning away this week while the floor debate will be dominated by election-year energy messaging."

- Roll Call, 6/18/12